



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: J. Brier  
HIDAKI OHSHIMA et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2672  
Application No.: 09/176,274 )  
: Filed: October 21, 1998 )  
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
: APPARATUS AND METHOD, )  
: AND COMPUTER-READABLE )  
: MEMORY ) December 7, 2004

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P.O. Box 1450  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action in the above-identified application for two additional months from October 7, 2004 to December 7, 2004.

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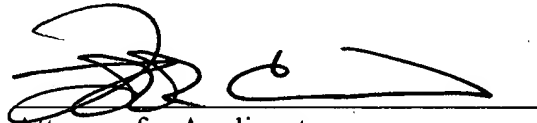
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$870.00, the difference between the already-paid \$110.00 first-month extension fee and the \$980.00 fee for a three-month extension, to cover the fee for the current extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', is written over a horizontal line.

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